

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace paragraph [0025] of the following amended paragraph:

[0025] The carton may, if desired, be provided with means to facilitate the initial opening thereof. For example, a tearable band or strip of the kind known in the art may be provided which, when pulled, produces a tear in the side walls of the carton, preferably a continuous, generally transverse tear in at least three of the side walls, thereby allowing easy access to the stored contents. The corresponding carton blank may therefore be provided with a pre-cut band 50 defined by cuts or perforations cut in the sheet material. The pre-cut band preferably spans the carton blank in the transverse direction. A grip tab 51 may be provided to facilitate a user in pulling the tearable band. A carton blank formed from a fibrous sheet material, such as cardboard, may be provided with a pre-cut band 50 possibly and running in generally the direction of the constituent fibres to permit a clean tear along the pre-cut edges of the tearable band.

Please replace paragraph [0039] of the following amended paragraph:

[0039] Referring to FIGS. 1 and 2, a carton blank 10 for a corresponding carton is pre-cut from a single ~~piece~~ piece of flat sheet material, such as, for example, cardboard. The carton blank 10 comprises four main panels 11, 12, 13, 14 bordered by substantially parallel longitudinal folds 16, 17, 18, 19. The main panels 11, 12, 13, 14 are substantially regular and rectangular in shape,

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and are arranged to form pairs of opposing side walls in the corresponding carton. A side tab 21 is foldably connected to a main panel 11 via a longitudinal fold 19. The side tab 21 is practically the same length as the main panel 11.